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March 14, 2007

Mr. Ray Aycock
Field Supervisor
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Jackson Field Office
6578 Dogwood View Parkway
Suite A
Jackson, MS 39213

Re: Request for Project Review – Relocation of the Gulfport School District's East Ward Community Education and Technology Support Service Center, Harrison County, Mississippi

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Director
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, Water Management Division
Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center
61 Forsyth Street, SW
Atlanta, GA 30303-8960

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100 W. Capitol Street
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Jackson, MS 39269

Re: Request for Project Review – Relocation of the Gulfport School District's East Ward Community Education and Technology Support Service Center, Harrison County, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Wilkes:

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Mississippi Department of Transportation, Environmental Division
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Jackson, MS 39215-1850

Re: Request for Project Review – Relocation of the Gulfport School District's East Ward Community Education and Technology Support Service Center, Harrison County, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Barnwell:

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Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, Bureau of Wetlands Permitting
1141 Bayview Avenue
Biloxi, MS 39530

Re: Request for Project Review – Relocation of the Gulfport School District's East Ward Community Education and Technology Support Service Center, Harrison County, Mississippi

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Ms. Michelle Vinson
Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Pollution Control, Environmental Permits Division
P.O. Box 10385
Jackson, MS 39289-0385

Re: Request for Project Review -- Relocation of the Gulfport School District's East Ward Community Education and Technology Support Service Center, Harrison County, Mississippi

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Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce
P.O. Box 1609
Jackson, MS 39215

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Mr. Don Underwood
Executive Director
Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission
P.O. Box 23005
Jackson, MS 39225-3005

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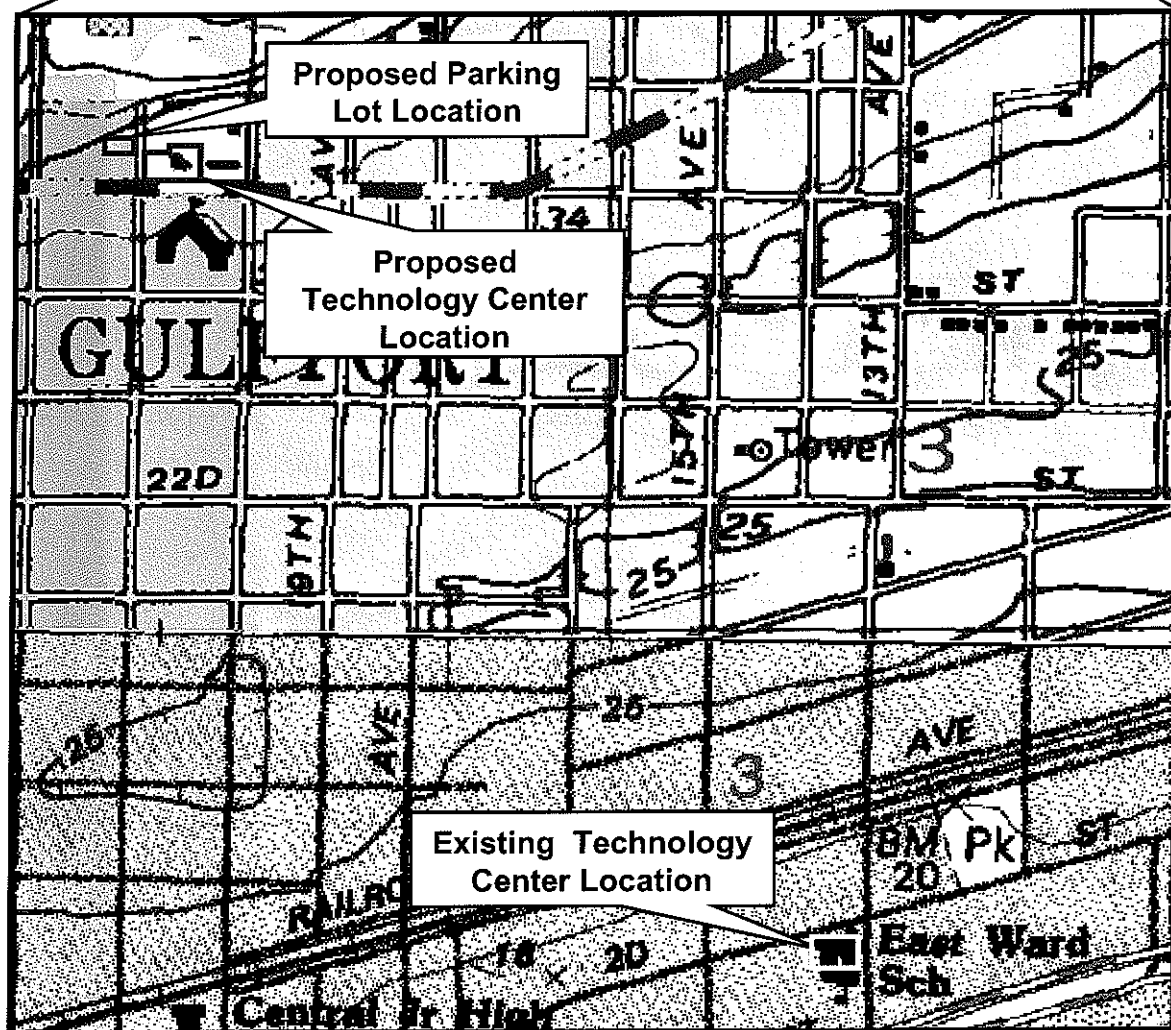
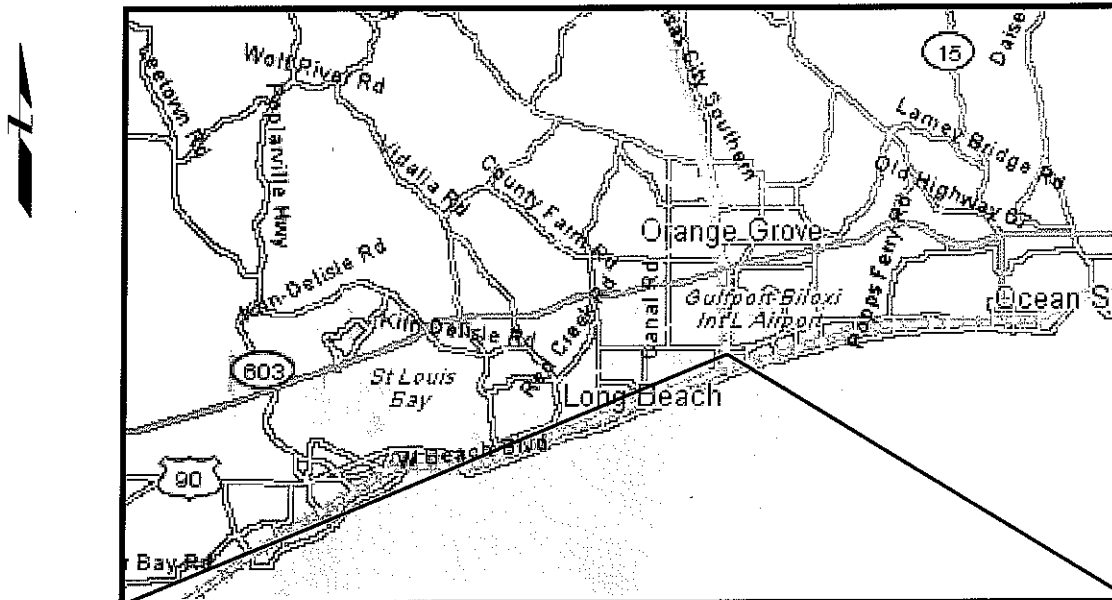
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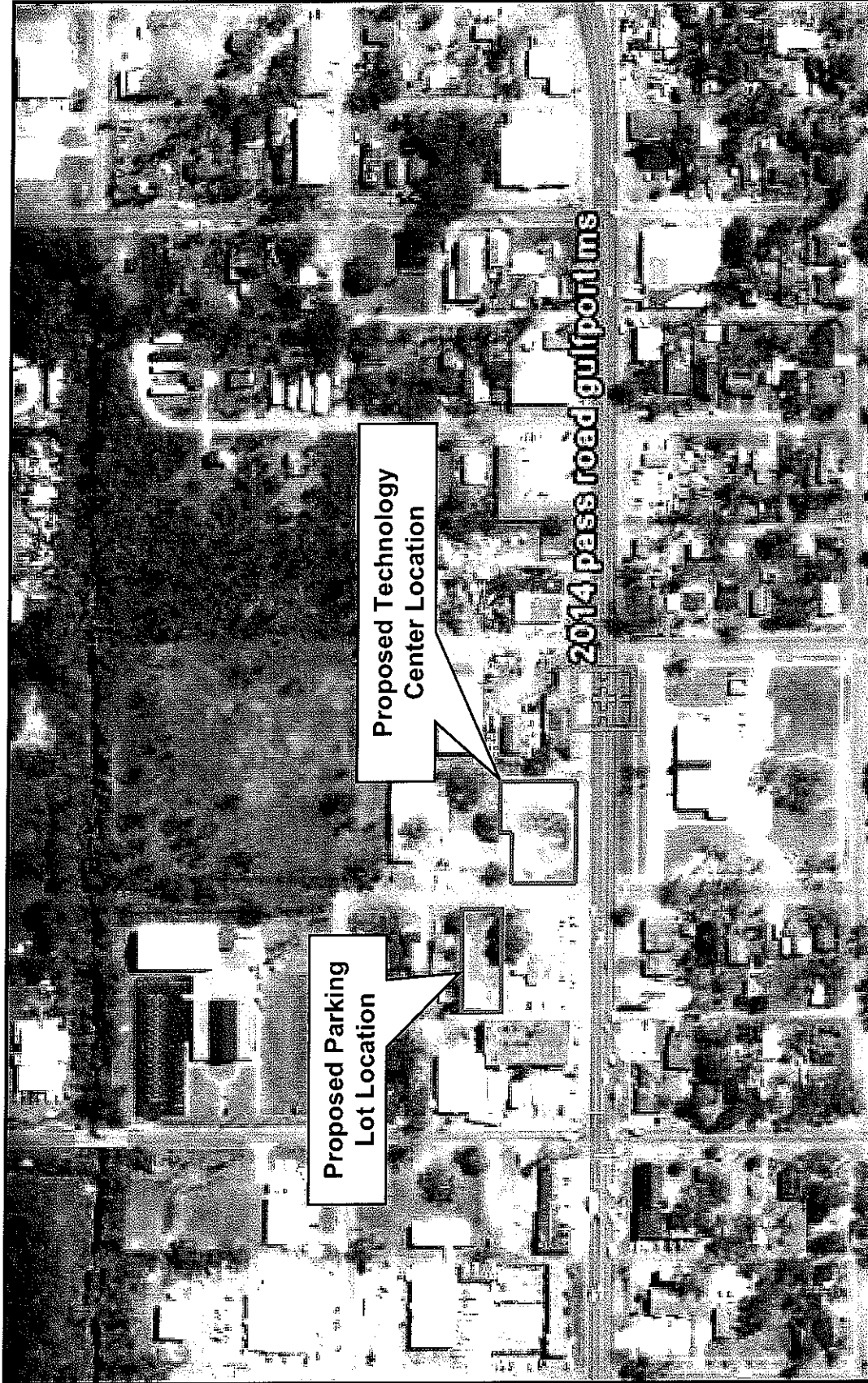
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By MS Field Office

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Significant adverse wetland impacts |
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| <i>Antel T. Young</i> Environmental Coordinator U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service |
| Log No. <i>07-370</i> Date <i>3/19/07</i> |

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DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES**

April 2, 2007

Nationwide Infrastructure Support Technical Assistance Consultants
Attn: Angela M. Chaisson
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Gaithersburg, MD 20878

RE: DMR-070441; Gulfport School District

Dear Ms. Chaisson:

The Department of Marine Resources in cooperation with other state agencies is responsible under the Mississippi Coastal Program (MCP) for managing the coastal resources of Mississippi. Proposed activities in the coastal area are reviewed to insure that the activities are in compliance with the MCP.

The Department has received a request to review a proposal by Gulfport School District to relocate the school's Technology Center in Gulfport, Harrison County, Mississippi. The Department has no objections provided there are no direct or indirect impacts to coastal wetlands and no coastal program agency objects to the proposal. If wetland impacts are anticipated, an application should be submitted to this office for review. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your project.

For more information or questions concerning this correspondence, contact Charlie Robertson with the Bureau of Wetlands Permitting at (228) 523-4110.

Sincerely,

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Willa Henriksen
Bureau Director, Wetlands Permitting

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Federal Emergency Management Agency
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Sincerely,



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Environmental Liaison Officer
FEMA-1604-DR-MS



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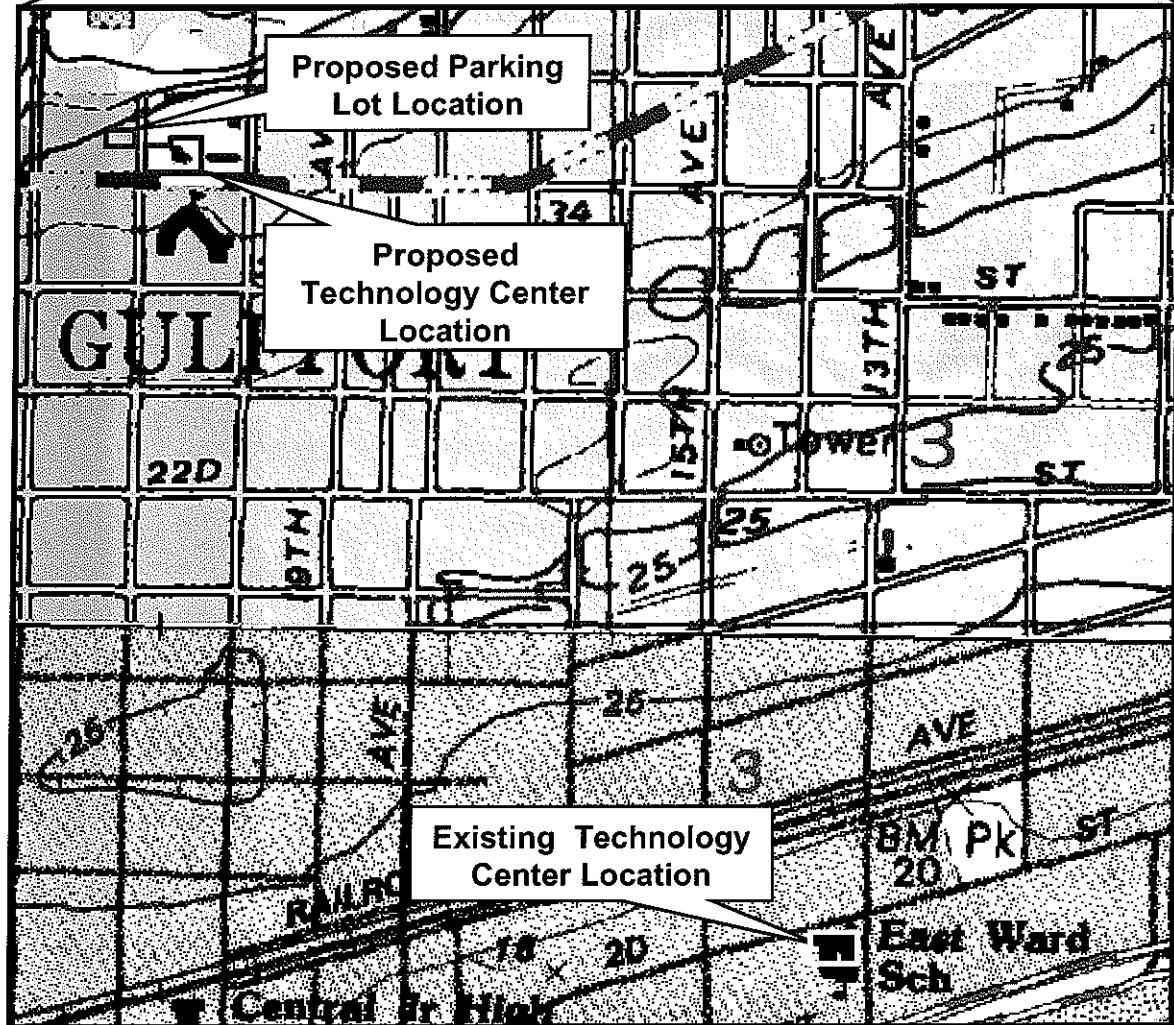
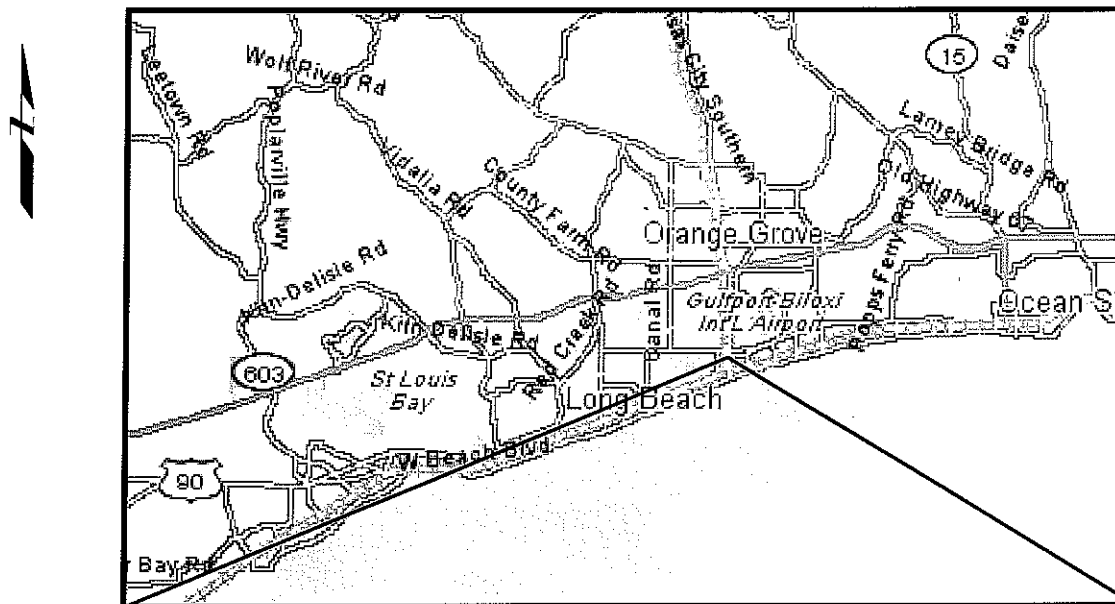
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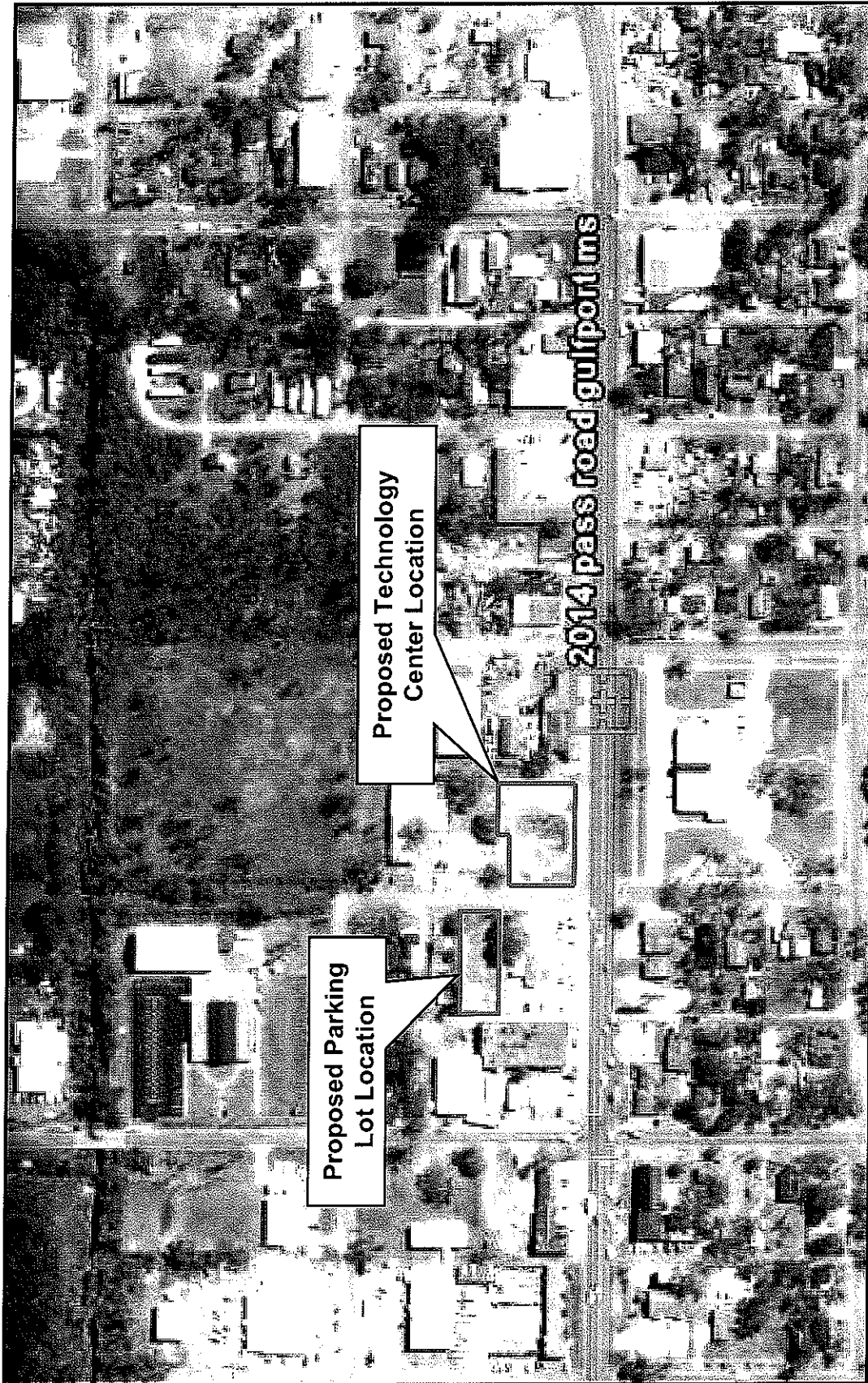
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FEMA-1604-DR-MS



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| PROJ East Ward Technology Center Relocation Project | | | | PROJECT AREA | |
| REVISION NO | DES BY | | |  | PROJ NO 15708003 |
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Proposed Technology
Center Location

Proposed Parking
Lot Location

2014 pass road gulfport ms



Source: GoogleEarth

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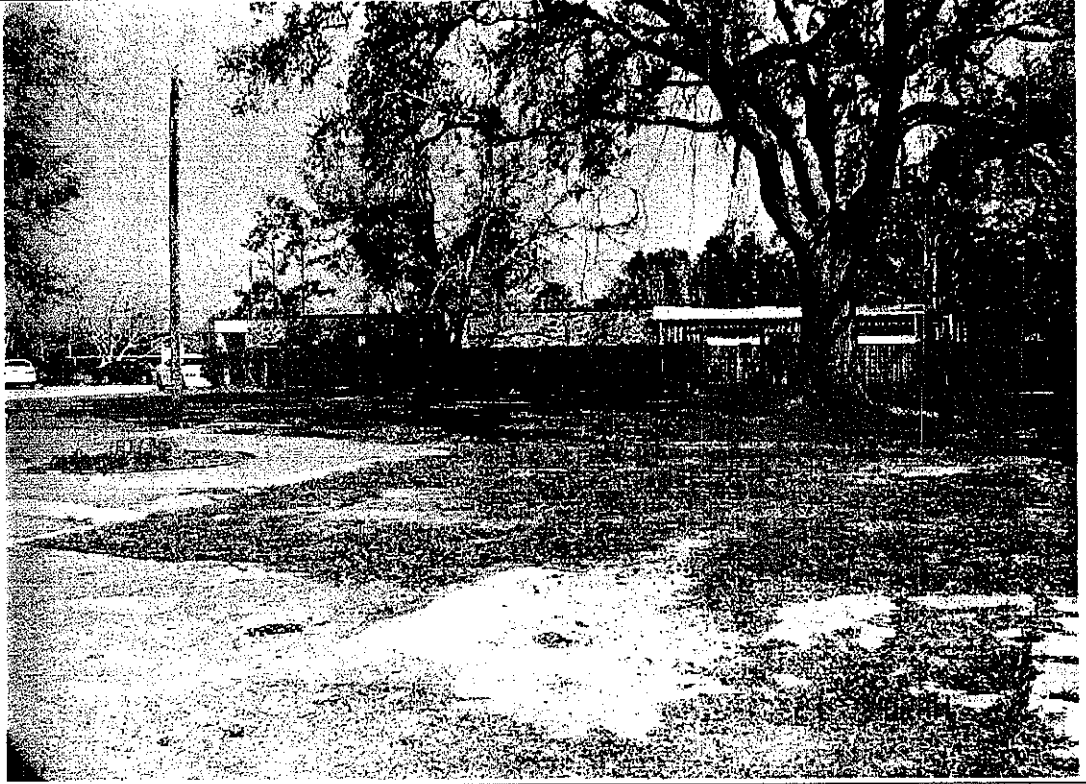
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| Date 4/5/07 | Data Point | Photo No. 1 |  | | | | | |
| Direction Photo Taken: From the south facing the north | | | | | | | | |
| Description: View from the northern boundary of APE. Grassy area in forefront will be disturbed by construction, however concrete is ca. 4 cm below the surface. | | | | | | | | |

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| Direction Photo Taken: From the east facing the west | | | | | | | | |
| Description: Existing parking lot surface through the middle of APE. | | | | | | | | |

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| Direction Photo Taken: From the northeast facing southwest | | |
| Description: Overview of APE. Grassy area in background is where the old commercial building once stood. | | |



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| Date 4/5/07 | Data Point | Photo No. 4 |
| Direction Photo Taken: From the southwest corner (front of property) facing northeast | | |
| Description: Overview of APE from front of property. Foreground is the location of old commercial structure. | | |



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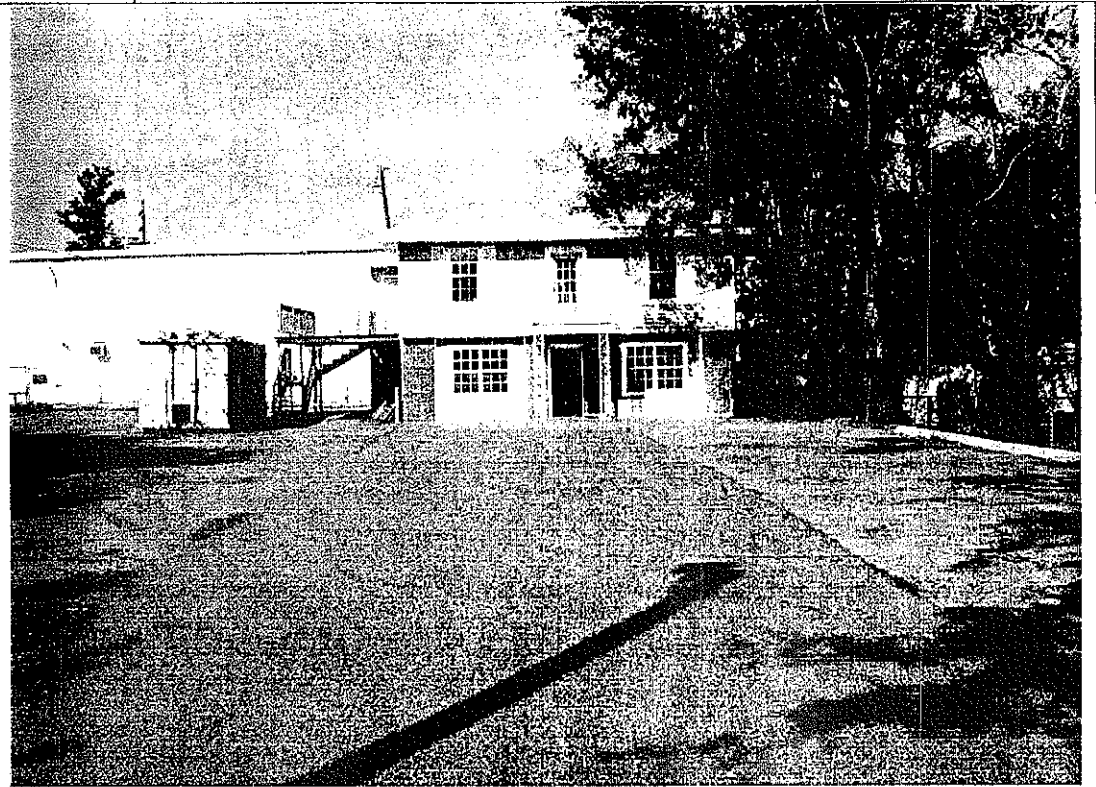
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Direction Photo Taken:

From the east facing
west

Description:

Overview of APE that
will be used as a parking
lot. The building in the
background will remain
intact.



Date

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Direction Photo Taken:

From the west facing
east

Description:

Overview of APE that
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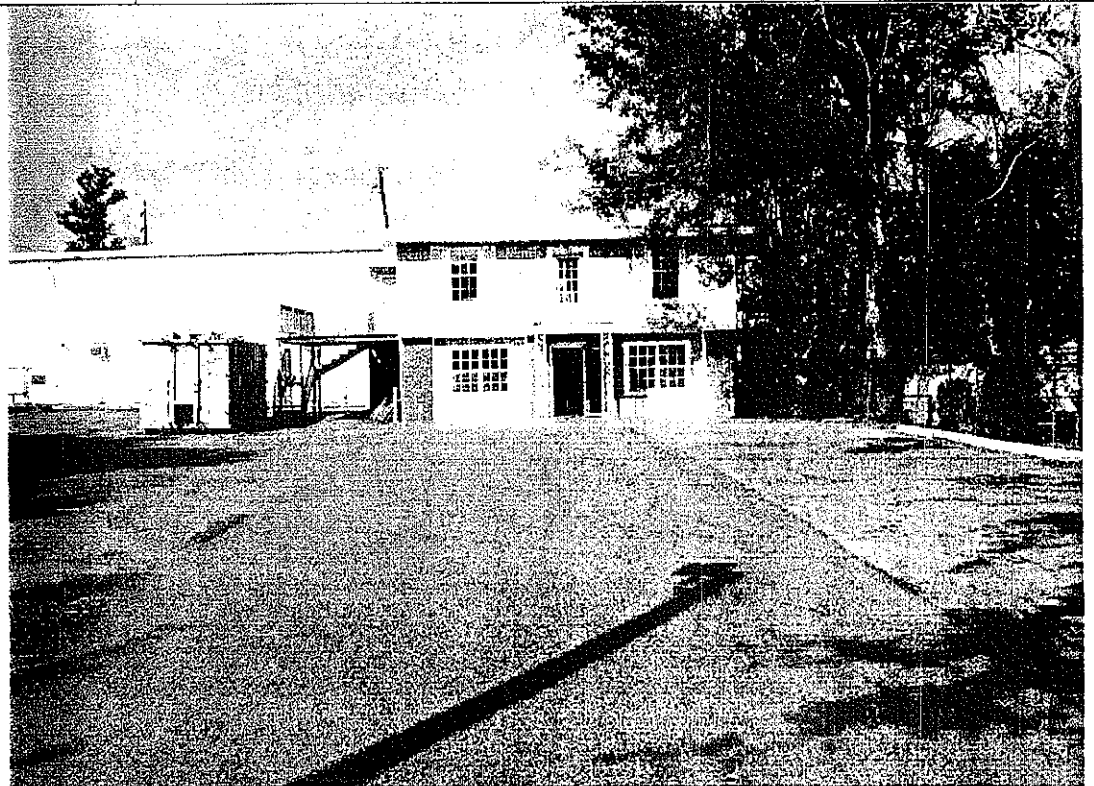
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Direction Photo Taken:

From the southeast facing northwest

Description:

Buildings adjacent and to the north of proposed parking lot site.



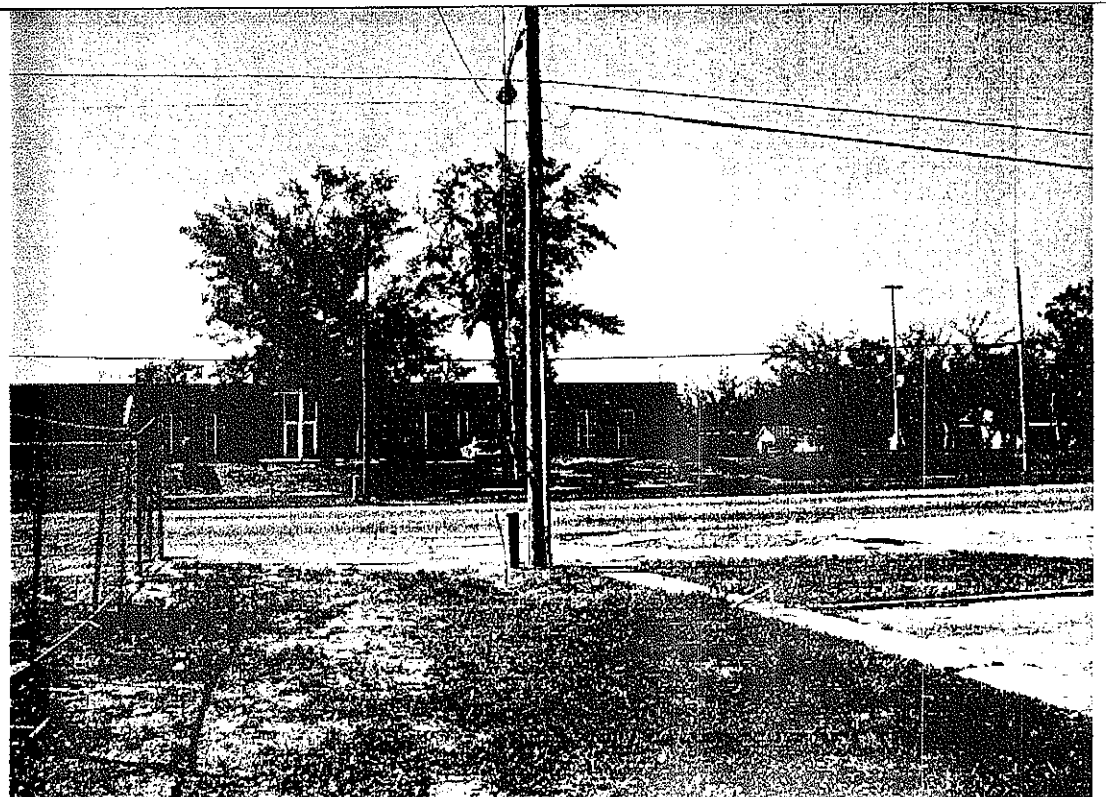
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Direction Photo Taken:

From the north facing south

Description:

East side of APE with view across Pass Road. The building in the background is the new East Ward Administration offices



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Direction Photo Taken:

From the east facing west

Description:

East corner of APE showing the southern boundary and streetscape



| Date | Data Point | Photo No. |
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Direction Photo Taken:

From the southeast facing northwest

Description:

Overview of APE from across Pass Road





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H. T. Holmes, Director

April 16, 2007

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Biloxi, Mississippi 39531

RE: Proposed relocation of the Gulfport School District's East Ward Community Education and Technology Service Center, MDAH Project Log #04-068-07, Harrison County

Dear Mr. Grisham:

We have reviewed your request for a cultural resources assessment, received on April 12, 2007, for the above referenced project in accordance with our responsibilities under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and 36 CFR Part 800. After reviewing the information provided, it is our determination that no known cultural resources will be affected. Therefore, we have no reservations with the proposed project.

Should there be additional work in connection with the project, or any changes in the scope of work, please let us know in order that we may provide you with appropriate comments in compliance with the above referenced regulations. If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at (601) 576-6940.

Sincerely,

Jim Woodrick
Review and Compliance Officer

FOR: H.T. Holmes
State Historic Preservation Officer

c: Clearinghouse for Federal Programs

From: Carleton, Ken [mailto:KCarleton@choctaw.org]

Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2007 14:45

To: Drummond, Paul

Subject: Gulfport School District's East Ward Community Education and Technology Support Service Center, Harrison County, Mississippi

The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians has no concerns with the above referenced project. If during its construction any archaeological material are encountered, work should be stopped immediately and I should be contacted for further consultation.

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